



COUNTY OF PLACER
WEIMAR/APPLEGATE/COLFAX
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
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DRAFT MINUTES

Weimar/Applegate/Colfax MAC

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Colfax City Hall, 33 South Main Street, Colfax, CA 95713

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chair David Johnson – 6:03 PM

- 1. Welcome & Introduction of Members:** Chair David Johnson, Diana Suarez, John Gagnon, Alan Shuttleworth and Richard McSherry

Staff Present: Supervisor Cindy Gustafson; Sophie Fox, District Director and Christine McKenna, MAC Secretary

2. Action Items:

Approval of January 18, 2023 Agenda – Shuttleworth / Gagnon – Unanimous 5-0

Approval of July 20, 2022 Minutes – Suarez / Gagnon - 3/0

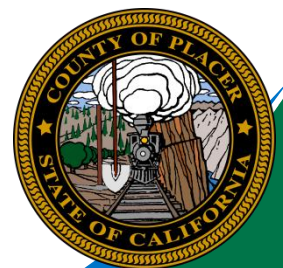
Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023 – Motion made by Alan Shuttleworth for Dave Johnson to continue to serve as MAC Chair. John Gagnon seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0 for Dave Johnson to remain MAC Chair.

Motion made by Alan Shuttleworth that John Gagnon remain Vice Chair. John Gagnon nominates Diana Suarez. Motion was seconded by Diana Suarez for John Gagnon to remain Vice Chair. Motion carried: 5-0

3. Public Comment:

A Board member from Pioneer Community Energy just wanted to let the MAC know who they are and what they do. They have been serving Placer and El Dorado Counties since 2018. They are committed to competitive rate. They have saved customers over \$40 million. Customers have a choice to go with Pioneer or PGE.

4. MAC Member Comments: None



5. Reports

A. Public Safety

1. **Placer County Sheriff** – No Report
2. **California Highway Patrol** – Chris Nave - Year-end stats for 2022: 1,734 collisions (192 in December); Fatalities 21 (6 in December); 7,000 citations issued; 388 DUI arrests; 64 felony arrests; 60 misdemeanor arrests; 2059 motor assist calls and they recovered 34 stolen vehicles.
3. **Cal Fire** – Bob Counts – Introduced himself as new Assistance Chief. He is looking forward to representing the surrounding communities. He replaced Mike Rufennecht after he retired. Stats: They had over 36,000 calls in 2022. Current staffing is full during the storms.
4. **Placer Hills** – Pat Nelson – They have upstaffed crews during the heavy storm weather. They get reimbursed from the State for the extra staffing. The Newcastle Fire Station is now open. There has been an uptick in chimney fires. It is important to have your chimneys cleaned and inspected.

B. Committees & Community - None

- C. County Report: Cindy Gustafson, Supervisor** - Supervisor Gustafson provided a 2023 State of the County Update. Topics covered were staff updates; population changes; economic snapshot; Bear River; General Plan Update; New Development and Housing / Homelessness.

Staff updates

Supervisor Robert Weygandt retired after serving 28 years with the County; Jenine Windeshasusen; Teri and EJ Ivaldi have also retired.

Population

Population growth is ranked 55th in the State. 2020 census the county's population is 405,306 compared to the census in the early 1900's when it was only 15,786.

Unemployment rate is 2.8% County – 4.1% Statewide

Median household income in 2022 - \$99,734 County - \$84,097 Statewide

Median home selling price (November 2022) \$777,500 County - \$620,000 Statewide

Bachelor's degree or higher (2021) 41.6% County – 35.3% Statewide

Proposition 19

2021 the County received 729 exclusions – 23 exclusions filed per week
2022 the County received 1,430 exclusions – 25 exclusions filed per week

1/1/21 – 6/30/21 Proposition 19 impact - \$45,671,892 of taxable value exclude off the tax roll and \$456,718 of tax revenue was lost

Bear River Fishing Access Property

The Board of Supervisors approved resolution approving a memorandum of understanding with the State acting through its Dept of Fish and Wildlife regarding private ranger service at the Bear River Fishing Access Property. Under the agreement the county would provide patrol, bathroom cleaning and trash service for up to 2 years.

New signage will be installed to provide guidance and rules consistent with the new agreement.

General Plan Update

Short term work plan: Overview; early outreach preparation; major issues; public outreach; scope/financing; recruitment and commencement.

Evolution of the Sunset Area

Long term vision dating back over 55 years, to create a large employment hub in South Placer. The plan is to capitalize proximity to Highway 65, rail lines and nearby growing communities.

- Placer Commerce Center
- Placer Ranch – Phase 1A
- Placer Vineyards Specific Plan
- Gateway Commons – Jan Holderman Project in Auburn – Affordable Housing 18 units
- Gateway Village – Jan Holderman Project in Auburn – 27 units on 2.95 acres

Placer County's Business Investment

The County is ranked 2nd in the State in new business growth over the past 3-year period. This is 8.5% growth compared to the State average of 3.0%. The County is ranked 4th overall in business investment.

Housing Strategy

Workforce Housing Preservation Program to provide funds or workforce housing

Tenant based rental assistance program helped 55 families pay back / current rent

Funded a sewer infrastructure constraints study in North Auburn

Housing Trust Fund committed to creating pilot programs to accelerate housing production

Land Use Zoning to allow for accessory dwelling units

State Project Homekey Funds

Dewitt Housing - 79 Units with playgrounds. 95% of the occupancy are Placer County residents.

Homelessness

The County has the lowest rate of homelessness in the State

Upcoming

Board of Supervisors Meeting

1/24/23 – Board of Supervisors Meeting in Tahoe

2/14/23 – Board of Supervisors Meeting in Auburn

Attached is a copy of the presentation

6. Information Items:

A. Guardrail Replacement Project – Elena Szlemp

Presentation was made regarding the guardrail replacement on Rollins Lake Road. The purpose of replacement is to provide safe driving conditions and protect nearby existing structures and/or people located at the bottom or embankments behind guardrails. The proposal is to follow along existing guardrail as much as possible with minimal property impacts. There are roughly 2000 vehicles that travel along Rollins Lake Road. The project cost is approximately \$1,145,500 and will be paid for through Caltrans' Highway Safety Improvement Program and Capital Improvement program. Rollins Lake Road has steep embankments, narrow road width and substandard guardrails. Potential impacts of the project are tree trimming and traffic delays during constructions. Construction would begin in Spring 2023 lasting 1-2 weeks with projected completion in early Summer 2023.

7. Future Agenda Items: None discussed

8. Adjournment at 7:35 to next tentative meeting date is March 15, 2023